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**RESPONSE TO MAY 26, 2004 OFFICE ACTION
(TO CORRECT MAY 14, 2004 RESPONSE TO
JANUARY 14, 2004 OFFICE ACTION)
(37 CFR §1.111)**

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In Response to the Office Action of May 26, 2004 asking for correction of the May 14, 2004 Response to January 14, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejections and further examination of the application are requested.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims (37 CFR §1.21(c)):

Please amend claim 1 as follows. Changes in the claim's content are indicated in the accompanying Amendment Sheet illustrating the amended claim and marking the changes made therein.

1. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A multi-purpose hiking and fishing tool comprising:
 - a. a shaft extending between a handle end and an opposing tip end, wherein:
 - (1) the handle end has a grip defined thereon;
 - (2) the shaft includes:
 - (a) at least one hook integrally attached to the shaft;
 - (b) several base arms provided thereon, each base arm being spaced from a corresponding strap cleat on the shaft, whereby a container having a base supported on the base arm may be secured to the shaft by a strap extending through the strap cleat; and
 - b. a plurality of different tips, each tip being interchangeably attachable to the tip end.